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C O N F I D E N T I A L OTTAWA 00834

DEPARTMENT PASS NSC

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PEPR, CA  
SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER'S FOREIGN POLICY ADVISOR RESIGNS

1. EXTERNAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED FEBRUARY 17 THAT IVAN HEAD WILL RESIGN AS PRIME MINISTER'S SENIOR FOREIGN POLICY ADVISOR IN ORDER TO BECOME PRESIDENT OF INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH CENTRE. HEAD REPLACES W. DAVID HOPPER, WHO WAS PRESIDENT OF CENTRE SINCE ITS FOUNDING IN 1970, AND IS EXPECTED TO ASSUME POSITION WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

2. CENTRE IS DESIGNED TO SUPPORT AND CONDUCT RESEARCH INTO PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPING REGIONS OF WORLD. AS GOC AGENCY, IT RECEIVES DOLS 35 MILLION ANNUAL BUDGET FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

3. COMMENT: WITH RESPECT TO NEW ASSIGNMENT, HEAD TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT AFTER TEN YEARS IN PRESENT POSITION, HE HAD BEEN LOOKING FOR SOME CHANGE AND HAD DISCUSSED POSSIBILITIES WITH PRIME MINISTER FOR OVER ONE YEAR. AS FOR A SUCCESSOR, HEAD SAID HE, PRIME MINISTER AND EXTAFF UNDER SECRETARY GOTLIEB ARE DISCUSSING OPTIONS, INCLUDING REPLACEMENT FROM OUTSIDE GOVERNMENT, ASSIGNMENT OF CAREER EXTAFF OFFICER, OR POSSIBLE RESTRUCTURING OF FOREIGN POLICY SIDE  
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OF PM'S OFFICE WITH SOME OTHER COMBINATION.

4. OVER THE YEARS, HEAD HAS BECOME A MAJOR FORCE IN CANADIAN FOREIGN AFFAIRS, PARTICULARLY ON NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES, SOUTHERN AFRICA, U.S.-CANADIAN RELATIONS. HE HAS DRAFTED MOST OF TRUDEAU'S FOREIGN POLICY SPEECHES (INCLUDING TRUDEAU'S ADDRESS TO THE CONGRESS IN FEBRUARY 1977);

HE HAS PARTICIPATED IN NEARLY ALL MEETINGS THE PRIME MINISTER HAS HAD WITH HIGH-RANKING FOREIGN OFFICIALS; AND HE HAS BEEN TRUDEAU'S PRINCIPAL FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADVISOR. THOUGH BY NO MEANS ALWAYS AGREEING WITH U.S. POSITIONS, HE HAS GENERALLY BEEN OPEN AND COOPERATIVE IN DEALING WITH US, PARTICULARLY DURING THE LAST YEAR. HIS DEPARTURE WILL LEAVE AN IMPORTANT VACUUM IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE. ENDERS

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